

Club Pooche,
Petitioner
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* PLANNING BOARD OF
* HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND

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MOTION: To recommend approval of the proposal with modifications to amend Section 122.B of the Zoning Regulations to add a new section to allow Pet Grooming and Daycare in the M-1 zoning district.

ACTION: *Recommended approval of Petition with modifications; Vote 4 to 0.*

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RECOMMENDATION

On August 23, 2007, the Planning Board of Howard County, Maryland, considered the petitions of Club Pooche to amend Section 122.B of the Zoning Regulations to add a new section to allow Pet Grooming and Daycare in the M-1 zoning district.

The petition, the Department of Planning and Zoning Technical Staff Report and Recommendation were presented to the Board for its consideration. The Department of Planning and Zoning recommended that the Petitioner's request be approved with modifications.

The Petitioner was represented by Sang Oh, Esq. No one appeared in opposition to the petition.

Mr. Oh said the proposal was being made because pet daycare is appropriate for the M-1 zoning district. He said his client is an experienced pet care operator and the need for pet daycare is increasing. He said daycare provides pets with social interaction and opportunities for obedience training which is beneficial for pets. Mr. Oh clarified that daycare only occurs during the day and there is no overnight boarding. In response to a question by a Planning Board member regarding sanitation issues, particularly in the Shopping Center zoning district, Mr. Oh said the animals are in the care of pet handlers at all times, so sanitation is not an issue.

During the presentation, it was noted by Department of Planning and Zoning staff that the following sections of the Zoning Regulations should also be amended in order to bring consistency across the zoning districts which allow Pet Grooming as a matter of right:

Section 120 (SC: Shopping Center District)

B. Uses Permitted as a Matter of Right

41. Pet grooming establishments AND DAYCARE, COMPLETELY
ENCLOSED.

Section 127.5 (CAC: Corridor Activity Center District)

B. Uses Permitted as a Matter of Right

**31. Pet grooming establishments AND DAYCARE, COMPLETELY
ENCLOSED.**

Section 127.6 (TNC: Traditional Neighborhood Center Overlay District)

C. Uses Permitted as a Matter of Right

**32. Pet grooming establishments AND DAYCARE, COMPLETELY
ENCLOSED.**

Motion:

Ramsey Alexander made a motion to approve the petition in accordance with the recommendation of the DPZ Technical Staff Report and with the added modifications. Mr. Rosenbaum seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Mr. Alexander said the Technical Staff Report is clear and he agrees with the recommendation and the added modifications. Ms. Dombrowski asked Department of Planning and Zoning staff if a definition of pet daycare should be included in the Zoning Regulations, and in response it was explained that the definition of kennel contained in the Zoning Regulations includes overnight boarding and this would sufficiently limit pet daycare to expressly exclude overnight boarding. Mr. Alexander said he believes the definition is a safe one and a detailed definition of pet daycare is not needed.

Vote:

The motion for approval of the Petition in accordance with the recommendation of the DPZ Technical Staff Report and with the added modifications passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

For the foregoing reasons, the Planning Board of Howard County, Maryland, on this 6th day of September, 2007, recommends that the Petitioner's request to amend section 122.B of the Zoning Regulations to add a new section to allow Pet Grooming and Daycare in the M-1 zoning district, be **APPROVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE TECHNICAL STAFF REPORT AND WITH THE ADDED MODIFICATIONS.**

HOWARD COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

ABSENT

Tammy J. Citara Manis, Chairperson

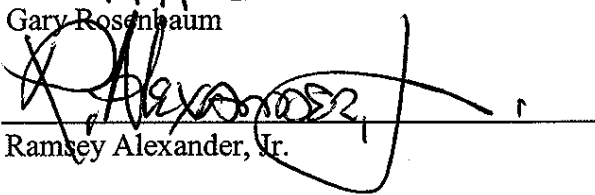
Linda A. Dombrowski



David Grabowski

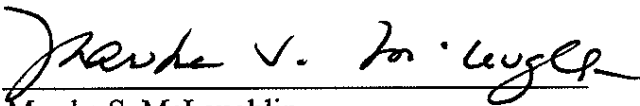


Gary Rosenbaum



Ramsey Alexander, Jr.

ATTEST:



Marsha S. McLaughlin
Executive Secretary